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NEWS RELEASE

City of Falls Church Advises Residents on Post-Storm Brush and Trash Collection, Tree Contractors

As City of Falls Church residents and businesses continue the post-storm clean-up, the City offers advice and notice about brush and trash collection fees and hiring tree contractors.

Unbundled Brush Collection Fees Waived through Nov. 7, Enforced Nov. 8

Unbundled brush collection fees are waived through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Fee enforcement returns on Nov. 8 (for the Nov. 14 collection). Residents and businesses asked to take following measures to aid brush collection:

- Place brush at the curb; do not obstruct the sidewalks or right-of-ways. Leave the gutter pan clear of all debris.
- Do not combine leaves and limbs. Rake or bag leaves independently from branches and other large yard debris.
- Cut large tree limbs into segments no longer than 5 ft.; brush that exceeds this length requires additional manpower and resources. Smaller debris can be placed in brown, compostable yard waste bags.
- Leave only vegetative matter for pick-up; this collection is exclusively for tree limbs and brush downed by this latest storm. Fee waivers do not apply to special collections.

Unbundled brush that is brought to the curb after Wednesday, Nov. 7 must be called in as a special collection via the City's Solid Waste Hotline at 703-248-5160, option 4. Additionally, if you have large tree trunks at the curb or have questions as to what brush qualifies for free pick-up, please call the Hotline and select option 5.

Excess Trash Collection Fees Waived through Nov. 7, Enforced Nov. 8

Residents do not need to use excess trash stickers on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Residents will need to start using stickers again for excess trash starting Nov. 8 (for the Nov. 14 collection). Please use the City-provided gray rolling carts, personal containers, or sturdy trash bags.

Choosing a Tree Contractor

After significant storms, it is not unusual for individuals calling themselves tree specialists to show up at houses looking for work. Owning a truck and a chain saw does not automatically qualify someone as a tree care professional.

In the City, tree care companies must have a license to work. This means that they have met minimum requirements set by the City such as insurance, workers' compensation, and the posting of a bond. Although these companies have met minimum requirements, their ethics and quality of work should be investigated by the homeowner; residents are advised to get several quotes and request references.

For a list of Certified Arborists in the City and things to consider when selecting a tree care company, visit the City's website, www.fallschurchva.gov/TreeContractors.

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